

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2004

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:33 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR MITCHELL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR MITCHELL led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

City Staff Present: City Manager Doug Prichard

City Attorney Richard Terzian

Assistant City Manager Sam Wise

Planning Director David Wahba

Community Services Director Andy Clark

Administrative Analyst Greg Grammer

Richard Tagore-Erwin, Refuse Franchise Consultant

Others Present: Dale Allen, Park and Activities Commission

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. PRESENTATION TO MAYOR MITCHELL

MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN commended MAYOR MITCHELL on her hard work and dedication to the City over the last year. He thanked her for her involvement in many projects and committees, as well as serving on the Park and Activities and Planning Commissions. He then presented MAYOR MITCHELL with a framed picture of the commercial district master plan rendering as a memento from the City.

MAYOR MITCHELL commented on her year as Mayor stating she had a wonderful time working with the COUNCIL and thanked them for their enthusiasm as well as City Manager Prichard for his continued assistance. She noted she was honored to receive this gift for her term as Mayor.

ROUTINE MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2004

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS requested a correction on Page 4, Paragraph 6:

*"~~MAYOR MITCHELL~~ **COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS** reported that she attended the SBCCOG Livable Communities Committee....."*

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN
TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2004 AS AMENDED.
THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

B. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – NOVEMBER

MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN
TO Approve Warrants 36590 THROUGH 36649 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,546.54;
SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 110401 THROUGH 110402; 36401 VOID; 36429 VOID; 36430
THROUGH 36438; 36490 THROUGH 36505; AND 36569 THROUGH 36573 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$198,768.97 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$348,315.51 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

MAYOR MITCHELL reflected over the last year stating that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as Mayor. She thanked the staff as they make a valuable contribution to the efficient operation of the City and without their dedication, the City would not operate as smoothly as it does. She also thanked City Manager Prichard for his guidance and wisdom over the last year as well. Additionally, she commended Planning Director Wahba for his excellent work in bringing forth projects, i.e. mixed-use overlay, master plan, etc., to the COUNCIL for consideration.

MAYOR MITCHELL reported on various projects, including future mixed-use projects, Chandler reuse plan, the passing of Proposition 1A through the League of California Cities which will protect local government funds from the State, the defeat of AB 2702 (second unit housing), her involvement on the League's Employee Personnel Relations Committee in which she thanked Assistant City Manager Wise for his assistance, and the involvement of many homeowners' associations in City issues. She again noted her appreciation to the staff for creating a positive and courteous atmosphere at City Hall which is why the City functions as well as it does.

MAYOR MITCHELL nominated

MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN AS THE CITY'S NEW MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

MAYOR ADDLEMAN nominated

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN AS THE CITY'S NEW MAYOR PRO TEM BY ACCLAMATION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

At 7:42 p.m., MAYOR ADDLEMAN called for a brief recess.

At 8:07 p.m., the CITY COUNCIL reconvened with MAYOR ADDLEMAN, MAYOR PRO TEM

ZUCKERMAN, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS and COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO APPROVE ITEMS A-D.

A. READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for consideration to the City Council will be waived and all such ordinances and resolutions will be read by title only.

B. PALOS VERDES PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2004

RECEIVED AND FILED.

C. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2004

RECEIVED AND FILED.

D. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED DECEMBER 3, 2004

RECEIVED AND FILED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS (Out of order)

B. CITY HALL SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Recommendation: That the City Council enter into the Agreement for Professional Services with Breiholz Qazi Engineering, Inc., to provide structural design services for the City Hall seismic retrofit and exterior improvements project.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN

TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH BREIHZOLZ QAZI ENGINEERING, INC., TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL SEISMIC RETROFIT AND EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

A. PUBLIC MEETING – FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REFUSE FRANCHISE COMMITTEE

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the option of once per week collection of garbage, recyclables and green waste; 2) Award the exclusive Franchise Agreement to Waste Management for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Green Waste Collection Services, commencing April 1, 2005 for residential collection (April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2017), and August 1, 2009 for commercial collection (August 1, 2009 through March 31, 2017); and 3) Authorize City Officials to execute the Franchise

Agreement subject to review and approval by legal counsel.

Administrative Analyst Grammer provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

Richard Tagore-Erwin, Consultant, noted that the committee is recommending once-a-week collection on a City-wide basis that will reduce truck traffic which would in turn save costs in road maintenance.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin provided an extensive presentation on the Franchise Committee's evaluation/recommendations as well as the negotiation process as listed in the staff report.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS inquired as to how the old cans will be disposed of. Mr. Tagore-Erwin noted that they can be hauled away or used for overflow greenwaste. She then inquired if ordinances will be updated. Mr. Tagore-Erwin noted that they need to be revised as they contain inconsistent regulations.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL inquired if the ordinances are currently in the process of being revised. Administrative Analyst Grammer noted that once the agreement is executed, staff and the consultant will work on the ordinance revisions together with those revisions presented to Council at a future date.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN requested clarification on the bulky item pick-up program and asked if there is a physical limit on what will be picked up. Mr. Tagore-Erwin responded that the City ordinance and franchise agreement will define those limits.

In response to COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS' inquiry, Mr. Tagore-Erwin explained that Waste Management submitted their data regarding running the smaller trucks at full capacity. In comparison, he noted that BFI utilizes the larger trucks, but not at full capacity.

Greg Loughnane, District Manager, BFI, read a prepared statement explaining why the City should award them the contract. He referred to the various numbers listed in the staff report, and while he agreed with some, they decided to file a letter of protest on December 1, 2004. He noted his opinion that the COUNCIL should be aware that BFI was being unfairly disadvantaged in the process and that they can and will provide all services required including implementing the recycling program. He noted that they have dedicated drivers and trucks assigned to the City as utilizing the same drivers builds accountability. He noted that BFI has fulfilled all contractual obligations without receiving a rate increase. He stated his belief that the staff reports contain inaccurate information as they have met the RFP objectives and urged the COUNCIL to reject the staff recommendation and introduce a motion to award the franchise agreement to them.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN inquired if the information that the COUNCIL has with respect to the size of the vehicles is correct. Mr. Loughnane stated the information is now correct.

Mike Grimm, District Manager, Waste Management, thanked the COUNCIL for allowing their company to be part of the process. He noted that a smooth transition and superior service will be provided once the contract has been awarded. He provided a brief history of his 30 year experience in this industry.

Susan Moulton, Public Sector Services, Waste Management, thanked the staff and subcommittee for their recommendation stating that they are excited to serve the residents of Rolling Hills Estates. She noted that the subcommittee did a thorough job in their analysis. An additional feature was noted whereby they would provide an outreach plan (presentations to the homeowners' associations, communication through media to address any changes to the program, etc.) that was submitted to the City during this process and distributed information regarding this issue. She noted their desire to continually engage

the community with programs outlined in the agreement and stated that Waste Management has extensive experience in this area. For clarification, Ms. Moulton stated that their initial proposal did include larger trucks, but was replaced with smaller ones as it would best suit the City. She also indicated that, while a new contractor can be challenging, they are ready to implement a hands-on transition plan that has been successfully done in other cities. She noted her pleasure to announce that they will hire BFI's drivers if the COUNCIL so desires. She also noted that, while each community has its own characteristics, they are up to the challenge. On a personal note, she commented that she lives on the Peninsula and is very familiar with what is desired in this type of service.

Joe Laboard, Rollingwood area, commented that he attended two community meetings and had several questions, including using circular cans rather than square, what to do with extra amounts of greenwaste, how the smaller mechanically armed trucks will collect the cans, etc.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin responded that the certain steep driveways may require manual pick up as well as additional greenwaste, etc., if it proves difficult for the resident to move the containers to the street.

MAYOR ADDLEMAN stated that the trucks are similar, but the difference is the amount of trips. He noted that the COUNCIL is aware of how much waste is put out by residents according to the data.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin noted that both companies targeted peak load times in estimated their truck needs.

Mr. Laboard inquired as to the 96 gallon containers and his concern for elderly residents on handling such a large bin and if this was considered in the proposal. MAYOR ADDLEMAN noted that there are many sizes to choose from and it is up to the resident to decide which size best suits their needs.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN noted that there are various size options and that there is no difference between a round versus square cans as they all have two wheels which is easier to handle.

Mr. Laboard noted that the round containers can be stacked and doubted if the square ones could be as well. COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN noted that this issue was brought up in one of the many workshops that were held for community input. He responded that many of the new containers can "nest" meaning that they will fit inside each other and that the 32 gallon cans are fairly lightweight.

Peter Wood, Ranchview Road, inquired as to the proposed four bulky item pick-up days and if that will remain in place. MAYOR ADDLEMAN noted that there will still be four days available a year for the resident to make an appointment for their items.

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN noted that the entire city will be picked up on the same day.

Mary Host, Rollingwood area, noted that BFI does not fill their trucks to full capacity and that both companies agreed to these requirements.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin noted that in the RFP process the size of trucks were specified, but the objective was to have the companies inform the City as to how they will reduce truck traffic in order to provide a more efficient system.

In regards to this issue, Mr. Tagore-Erwin noted that all the companies stated how they would run their trucks with the exception of Waste Management who revised their response to utilize smaller trucks. He noted that both BFI and Waste Management resubmitted their numbers and provided documentation on their routes with BFI preferring

to remain with their original proposal.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN inquired as to the turning radius on the trucks and voiced his concern with maneuvering through some of the smaller streets. He noted that the number of trips would not be a determining factor at this point.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL requested clarification on how the smaller trucks translates into fewer trips.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin explained that Waste Management will run at full capacity where BFI elected to continue utilizing the larger trucks, but not at full capacity.

M. Wood, Ranchview Road, commented that BFI has been wonderful and has assisted them oftentimes even when their trash is placed out at a later time.

Louise Raymond, Kingspine, noted that she would prefer to retain BFI as they have been very accommodating.

Ronald Barber, 4711 Sugarhill, stated that he has received very good service from BFI. He noted that the lack of education on this matter was not entirely BFI's fault.

Charlie Riggio, commented on several items of concern over the last several years with sanitation. He stated his wish to remain with BFI as they are willing to pick up whatever is placed at the curb and did not understand why the City has to follow the state's regulations. It was his opinion to put this matter to a vote and let the residents decide which company to choose.

MAYOR ADDLEMAN explained that the City is only diverting 39% of its solid waste at the present time, meeting our diversion requirements only through green waste and commercial recycling. With the new contract in place, he indicated that 60-70% will be diverted with the service remaining essentially the same.

Mr. Riggio commented that once-a-week pick-up would turn into more truck trips.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin explained that the current system of four trucks per week per house is excessive when all the trash, recyclables, and greenwaste can be picked up at the same time and eliminate constant truck traffic. He noted that the current rate structure would depend on the size of the container chosen and would include as many cans as the resident wishes.

Albert Chaney, 4716 Rockbluff, noted that the rectangular containers are undesirable. He noted that his concerns include the need for extended-arm trucks as the cans are too close together and would be knocked down. He noted his other concern regarding the curb and asphalt area where significant damage could be caused by the truck as well as cause excessive noise.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin responded to Mr. Chaney's noise concerns stating that the new trucks will actually be quieter than it is now. He noted that the proposed contract is required to pick up the can if it is knocked over as there is a \$500 fine per occurrence if it is left behind. As far as the truck arms, he noted they will extend out further.

MAYOR ADDLEMAN noted that many of the newer the trucks will have cameras on board for monitoring purposes.

Mr. Chaney referred to his concern regarding odor control if one-a-week collection is chosen as he preferred twice-a-week pick up. He asked the COUNCIL to reconsider BFI as well as requested an enforcement method be put in place encouraging the residents to conform to the regulations.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin addressed the rate change issue stating that there will be a two-year freeze on contractor's rates. Additionally, he noted that the odor issue could simply be taken care of by making sure the lid is closed.

Heinz Gruber, Lazy Creek, expressed his disappointment at not retaining BFI and noted he had only received one flyer which was distributed by BFI. MAYOR ADDLEMAN reiterated that four public meetings took place with the residents being notified of each one. Additionally, COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN noted that they have been televised as well.

Grant Mogford, Dapplegray Lane, stated he is very familiar with Waste Management's service from a previous residence. He noted that the residents will adjust to this change as it is worth it for the environment. It was his choice to have one trip a week as it comes down to cost and compliance with state regulations.

City Manager Prichard noted that the questions raised are on point and that those same issues were raised in the evaluation process. He noted that following the COUNCIL'S hearing, it may be helpful for Mr. Tagore-Erwin or a subcommittee member to summarize all the conditions in the proposals that led up to the recommendation.

Steve Simeral, 63 Rollingwood, stated his opinion that it is worth paying more for BFI's services. He noted his own experience with Waste Management and that he had problems with their service.

Tom Judge, 28 Rollingwood, provided a brief history of prior haulers and supported Waste Management as he concurred with the subcommittee's recommendation. He stated that they have done an excellent job in evaluating each company as well as providing continued notification of each meeting. He then noted that approximately 30 people were in attendance for each one and stating his opinion that this meeting is not the time for residents to come forward and ask questions as they have all been addressed in previous workshops. He noted that, while BFI has done a good job, there have been problems with noise. Additionally, he noted that the flyer sent out by BFI to all residents contained extensive misinformation. With regards to the 50% minimum recycling requirement, he noted that it should be much higher. Additionally, he indicated that BFI has known about the recycling program for five years and did not pursue implementing this type of program. He commended the subcommittee on a job well done.

Marlene Washko, commented that she attended two meetings and concurred with Mr. Judge's assessment. She noted that she received many notifications of the meetings and was well-informed when they would take place as well as being broadcast on television. She noted her willingness to change to once-a-week as the City would look beautiful six days a week.

Agustin Diaz, 47 Country Meadow, also thanked the COUNCIL and noted that BFI's allegation of unfair business practices is ridiculous and was surprised seeing so many residents come in at the last minute. He noted his support for Waste Management as they will provide everything needed for the betterment of the City. He again thanked the COUNCIL and stated it was time to move on as the City is doing its best.

Mr. Loughnane, General Manager, reiterated that BFI has been a good service provider and was very specific about recycling in the City and the flexibility they provided to the residents in terms of the City going from manual service to automated. He noted their drivers will step out of the trucks and pick up items as well and believed their plan to be superior, but there is still a question of fairness as they chose to remain with their original proposal.

Ms. Moulton recognized that change is difficult, but assured the COUNCIL that the Waste

Management team is very familiar with the Peninsula as they have served the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. She noted that they listened to what the evaluation committee wanted in regards to the City's needs and are looking forward to serving the City.

Mr. Tagore-Erwin outlined the differences between the two companies. He noted that all six committee members came to the same conclusion and that Waste Management proved to be superior as they have shown a higher level of accountability, as well as a comprehensive educational approach for the residents.

Administrative Analyst Grammer noted that BFI was reluctant to go with the once-a-week collection as they still preferred the five day pick up and that Waste Management seemed to be more responsive to what the City envisioned for the next several years.

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN noted that he served on the subcommittee, as well as MAYOR ADDLEMAN, and thanked him along with the staff and consultant stating that the City was well-served in this process. He noted that he and MAYOR ADDLEMAN listened to every resident's concerns, particularly with respect to the seniors and equestrians. He noted that he appreciated both companies' responsiveness and their attempts to resolve those issues. He noted that he would have liked to find reasons to award the contract to BFI due to the emotional aspect, but the data provided sound reasoning to recommend Waste Management. He noted that recycling was a primary issue and was impressed by Waste Management's approach to handling this matter. He then noted that the subcommittee had amended the requirements for both companies as discussions took place prior to submitting its recommendation and that is when Waste Management took the opportunity to fine-tune their proposal to fit the City's needs.

In regards to greenwaste, COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN stated that the minimum recycling as provided by BFI is not acceptable. He noted then that there is a lot to be said about the decision-making process with each subcommittee member rating each hauler separately and coming back to the table with a unanimous recommendation. Additionally, he stated that while there may have been small quantitative differences between the haulers, there were significant qualitative differences at every step in the evaluation process that built a solid case for recommending Waste Management.

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN reiterated that Waste Management will hire BFI's drivers if so desired. He noted that once the transition takes place, the COUNCIL will monitor this very closely and was confident that the residents will come back and say they are pleased with the change.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL noted that regardless of who the hauler is, the service will be an improvement as the City must follow the state's requirements for diversion. She was in favor of once-a-week service as it was not her desire to see the streets littered with trash cans throughout the week. She noted that BFI has given the City good service, but supported the subcommittee's recommendation based on her review of the material, coming independently to the conclusion that the quality of Waste Management's proposal was superior to BFI's. She noted her respect for the subcommittee's participation in the public workshops. She then encouraged residents to pay attention to the City's notices as it may directly affect them and that many members of the audience came to the meeting very late in the process as these discussions had been taking place over the last year.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS concurred with the aforementioned comments. She noted that the residential charges between BFI and Waste Management are almost identical, but the commercial rates proposed by Waste Management are considerably less than BFI which will greatly assist the business community. She noted that BFI has provided wonderful service over the years.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN noted this is an important program and believed the choice

of the service provider is far less important than the program itself. He stated that he has received input from residents who understand the advantages of once-a-week pick up and the incentive to recycle. Additionally, he commented that the subcommittee did an outstanding job providing this unanimous recommendation.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN noted that the new trucks will be able to maneuver better through narrow streets.

In conclusion, MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN reminded the residents that the final decision is still up to the COUNCIL and will be a major improvement to the community.

MAYOR ADDLEMAN spoke on behalf of the subcommittee and staff stating that the City's waste disposal system needs to be brought into the 21st century and noted that this decision should not be made based on emotion as the facts speak for themselves. He noted that the City has a fiduciary responsibility to the residents to provide the best service and was pleased with this recommendation. Additionally, he noted that he had spoken to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber President and that he was pleased with the commercial contract as well.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN suggested that the service for the City's Equestrian Center be made optional rather than mandated as there is currently an arrangement in place with Seahorse Riding Club.

City Manager Prichard noted that independent counsel will be retained for final review of the franchise agreement, as City Attorney Terzian has recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest.

MAYOR ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN

TO: 1) APPROVE THE ONCE-A-WEEK COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, RECYCLABLES AND GREENWASTE; 2) AWARD THE EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, AND GREENWASTE SERVICES COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2005 FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION (APRIL 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017), AND AUGUST 1, 2009 FOR COMMERCIAL COLLECTION (AUGUST 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CITY'S EQUESTRIAN CENTER; AND 3) AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY LEGAL COUNSEL.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE NO. 628 FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING CHAPTER 16.08 (PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES) OF THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUIMBY ACT.

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 628.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 628 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

NONE

CITY COUNCIL/REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to provide information and reports to other Members of the City Council and/or the public on any issues or activities of currently active Council Committees, ad hoc committees, regional or state-wide governmental associations, special districts and/or joint powers authorities and their various committees on which Members of the City Council might serve or have an interest, which are not otherwise agendized.

A. OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE ENFORCEMENT TEAM (MITCHELL/ZUCKERMAN)

Recommendation: That the Regional Law Enforcement Committee unanimously recommended at their November 18 meeting, that the off-road motorcycle proposal as outlined in the memorandum be approved and that the City of Rolling Hills Estates allocate a proportionate share of \$1,434.38 from CLEEP funds for this purpose.

Assistant City Manager Wise provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN noted that this undertaking is intended to provide enforcement of inaccessible vehicle trails and urged the COUNCIL'S support. He also noted that American Honda was donating the off-road motorcycles free of charge.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL suggested sending a letter to American Honda thanking them for their contribution. She commented on her own experience with crime resulting from the off-road trails.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN

TO APPROVE THE OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE PROPOSAL AS PRRESENTED AND ALLOCATE A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF \$1,434.38 FROM CLEEP FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE AS WELL AS SEND A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR THE MOTORCYCLE DONATIONS.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

B. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council award the purchase of two 2005 Ford SEL Sedans to Don Kott Ford for a total of \$47,697.29 (with trade-in) and declare the two 1998 Ford Taurus Sedans as surplus.

Assistant City Manager Wise provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO AWARD THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2005 FORD SEL SEDANS TO DON KOTT FORD FOR A TOTAL OF \$47,697.29 (WITH TRADE-IN) AND DECLARE THE TWO 1998 FORD TAURS SEDANS AS SURPLUS.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to request information on currently pending projects and/or issues of public

concern, direct that an item be agendized for future consideration and/or make announcements of interest to the public.

A. MAYOR ADDLEMAN requested the COUNCIL provide their requests for committee assignments for next year.

B. MAYOR PRO TEM ZUCKERMAN noted that, while the West Nile Virus season is over according to Vector Control, residents should be aware of ticks and lyme disease.

C. COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL announced that the City of Monrovia has initiated the Blue Star Program recognizing those families in the community who have a loved one serving in the armed services. She noted that she mentioned this program at the monthly Mayor's luncheon and that response from the Peninsula cities has been very enthusiastic. She described how a blue star is placed in the family's window with those families attending a council meeting for presentation. Once that person returns from duty, the council would then acknowledge that person's contribution.

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to support this program.

City Manager Prichard noted that letters have been sent to other cities, the Library and School Districts for their participation as well. It was noted that anyone interested may contact Administrative Analyst Grammer for further details.

City Manager Prichard also noted that the Rolling Hills Estates COUNCIL MEMBERS, Commissioners and staff support the troops through the Adopt-A-Platoon Program serving troops overseas over the last few months. He was pleased to report that they necessities were sent as well as over \$350 in phone calling cards in time for the holidays.

D. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS noted that the Holiday Parade was cancelled due to inclement weather. She noted that the parade sponsors as well as monetary contributions will be carried over to next year and thanked everyone for their participation. Additionally, she reported that Supervisor Don Knabe has agreed to be the Grand Marshal next year.

E. COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN announced that the Los Angeles County has a program called the Safe Surrender Program for those mothers who wish to drop off their baby for whatever reason at a hospital or fire station and placed in an adoption facility. For additional information, he provided the following website address: babysafela.org or contact the Fire Department.

F. COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN thanked the PV News for their thoughtful article with respect to retaining the Los Angeles Air Force Base. He noted that continued media publicity will bring attention to save this base.

G. MAYOR ADDLEMAN thanked the COUNCIL for taking the responsibility to approve the trash franchise in a professional manner and was honored to serve with his colleagues.

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:25 p.m., MAYOR ADDLEMAN formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, December 28, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by, Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan Douglas R. Prichard

Deputy City Clerk City Clerk